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Reveley hesitant on Amethyst Initiative

*President not sure if
reopening drinking age
debate would be useful*

By ALISAN VANFLEET
Flat Hat Staff Writer

College of William and Mary President Taylor Reveley has said he is uncertain about signing the Amethyst Initiative.

The Amethyst Initiative is a public statement calling for open debate concerning the national drinking age, considering the prevalence of underage drinking. Since its inception in July of this



Reveley

year, 130 university chancellors and presidents have signed their name to the statement.

"I haven't decided whether it would be useful for me to sign the Amethyst Initiative," Reveley said. "It doesn't look like many, if any, of the presidents of public colleges and universities in Virginia have signed so far."

A bill which urges Reveley to add his name to the list of signatories unanimously passed last week in the Student Assembly. Sen. Ross Gillingham '10, who co-sponsored the bill with Sens. Steven Nelson '10 and Ben Brown '11, said he felt compelled by the realities he observed on campus.

"There is an unsafe drinking environment at

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TOWN AND GOWN RELATIONS



WILL CARMINES — THE FLAT HAT

Dis-N-That and Monica's, on Richmond Road, will close and be replaced with stores, restaurants and condos.

Condos to open off campus

*City Council approves
destruction of Dis-N-That,
Monica's for redevelopment*

By SARAH OWERMOHLE
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Williamsburg City Council unanimously approved a plan last Thursday to redevelop a property on Richmond Road to include restaurants, retail stores and 24 one- and two-bedroom condominiums. The prospect garnered a mixed response from neighboring residents due to the possibility of some units being rented out to students from the College of William and Mary.

The redevelopment of the property, which includes Monica Spiritual Reader and Advisor and

the Dis-N-That thrift shop, is in accordance with the city's comprehensive plan from 2006. The plan focuses on demolishing old or dilapidated structures along Richmond Road and replacing them with a mix of new businesses and homes.

While many Williamsburg residents at Thursday's meeting agreed that the rezoning of this property is a mark of progress for the city's plan, some expressed concern that the condominiums will turn into rental homes filled with students.

"The most important goal of the city is to build a higher percentage of owner occupancy zoning," David Kranbuehl, a chemistry professor at the College and president of the West Williamsburg Heights Homeowner's Association, said Thursday.

In 2003, Kranbuehl said that renters are a "cancer" in the community.

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Additional funds may have been misused

*Pilchen, Blasi refuse
to explain validity
of some purchases*

By MILES HILDER and SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat News Editor and Assoc. News Editor

Purchases that could not be accounted for made with the Student Assembly off-campus account debit card appear to exceed the April 28 to May 12 window of unauthorized purchases made by former SA Vice President Zach Pilchen '09.

Pilchen and then-Secretary of Finance Andrew Blasi '10 have declined to disclose any information regarding these purchases.

According to bank statements, \$4.79 was charged at Wawa on Dec. 8 of last year. On Feb. 12, the debit card was used to make an \$8.39 purchase at Bloom. The two unaccounted-for purchases total \$13.08.

"I have no idea what that is," SA President Valerie Hopkins '09, referring to the Dec. 8 purchase, said. "I've been trying to figure that out myself."

Other purchases from that day include \$138.14 at Ace Hardware and \$101.28 at Home Depot. According to a source who spoke on the condition of anonymity, Pilchen is not believed to have been in possession of the debit card at the time.

Hopkins was unable to conclusively determine the nature of the Feb. 12 Bloom purchase but speculated that it may have been related to Tribe United, the organization founded on campus following the Feb. 12 resignation of former College President Gene Nichol.

The Flat Hat and Hopkins have reviewed expenditures paid from the account paid by check. They were all found to be legitimate.

Following the creation of the debit card, Pilchen was not required to submit receipts or paperwork documenting use of the card. According to SA code, the executive body is allowed up to \$750 of discretionary purchases each month.

The lack of oversight concerning the off-campus account may have played a role in allowing Pilchen to misuse the account's debit card. Pilchen's purchases were not discovered until shortly before the SA reconvened at the beginning of this academic year, more than three months after his final purchase on May 12.

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Sororities see increase in bids after rush



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADAM — THE FLAT HAT

Kappa Delta extended bids Sunday in the Sunken Garden.

By KEVIN LIPTAK
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Fraternities and sororities at the College of William and Mary are concluding their fall recruitment periods with strong turnout from new students and renewed enthusiasm from returning brothers and sisters.

Jessica Morgan '09, the Inter Sorority Council's vice-president for recruitment, said this year's sorority rush is the largest of the past three years.

BY THE NUMBERS

262 Sorority bids extended Sunday

248 Sorority bids extended last year

10 Sororities at the College

"We have seen more people staying in the system than in years past," she said. "More people registered at the beginning of the semester and more people are staying with it."

In total, 262 women accepted offers to join the sorority community at Sunday's Bid Day, up from 248 in fall 2007.

Last year the Council for Fraternity Affairs reported that 118 men accepted bids in the fall semester, down from 152 in the fall of 2006. The numbers for this recruitment period are not yet available because fraternities can extend bids into next week.

Morgan and Anne Arseneau, the associate director of Student Activities, both attribute the higher recruitment numbers for women to a revamped publicity plan the ISC initiated this summer.

Included in the plan were three videos

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City reaching out to students

Students can 'friend' Williamsburg on Facebook

By NANCY BLANFORD
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Neighborhood Council of Williamsburg is working to increase student-city resident interaction.

Town-gown relations have had an unsteady history. City laws have made it difficult for students to live off-campus — zoning laws, noise regulations and the three-person rule complicate the rentals for off-campus students. Residents have complained about parties, parking and debris produced by these students, contributing to the student-city animosity. In light of the recent City Council election,

however, the city has been aiming to amend these relationships.

"We are looking forward to working much closer with the student body this year," Neighborhood Council of Williamsburg chairman Jim Joseph said.

Around campus, eight signs bearing the city seal welcomed students back to campus. The city funded these welcome banners and placed them in high-traffic parts of the city.

"The signs were new for us this year," Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler said. She also emphasized the council's desire to connect with College students.

"They were the first things I noticed when I got off the highway," Student Assembly Undersecretary for Public Affairs Dave Johnson '09 said Saturday at an NCW meeting.

Last week's block parties were thrown in local neighborhoods to allow residents and College students to interact and get to know each other. Many students and city residents showed up to the block parties, despite poor weather. Although the city has thrown block parties for students in the past, this said this year's turnout was especially high.

"Those were the best block parties I've seen since I've been here," Johnson

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JACK HOHMAN — THE FLAT HAT

Justin Reid '09, the president of the College's chapter of the NAACP, and Student Assembly Senator Sarah Rojas '10 talk with a community member during a block party last Tuesday.

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Corrections

In Friday’s article “New professors reveal first impressions, skepticism,” Dr. Eric Han, was identified as earning his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Han earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University and his M.A. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.

Weather

Tuesday

High 76°
Low 66°

Wednesday

High 78°
Low 64°

Thursday

High 82°
Low 63°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“ I haven’t decided whether it would be useful for me to sign the Amethyst Initiative.”

— College of William and Mary President Reveley
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News in Brief

WMPD helps detain carjacking suspect

College of William and Mary Police helped the James City County Police apprehend a carjacking suspect Sept. 11 who had previously shot at police earlier in the day. The James City County Police sent out a “mutual aid” call and asked the WMPD to set up a perimeter in order to prevent the suspect from entering Williamsburg city limits. Officers from several other surrounding counties participated in the effort, and no officers were injured during the car chase.

“We were happy we could help,” College Police Chief Don Challis said in a press release. “When a call like this comes in you want to help out anyway you can, especially when there is gun fire. Law enforcement is a brotherhood. We were there for them like we know they would be there for us.”

President’s Park up for sale

The 42 larger-than-life busts of U.S. leaders in President’s Park in Williamsburg, better known as the Big Heads, may be going up for sale. According to The Virginian Pilot, Walmart has interest in buying the 10 acres that the park now occupies, and many locals, who think that the busts are “tacky,” support the sale. As for the Big Heads, each is priced at \$100,000.

For eight years, the presidents have seen small crowds and endured intense ridicule, including protests, from the Water Park’s neighbors.

For a few, however, the park stirs up national pride.

“I almost felt like I should salute every one,” said Shirley Poe, a tourist from Swartz Creek, Mich.

— by Maggie Reeb

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STUDENT ASSEMBLY BULLETIN

Welcome to the SA Bulletin

by Russ Zerbo

I do not wish to mock the Student Assembly. It does very little. The things it does accomplish are dumb. There is nothing funny about that.

THE PRESS BOX

CAA Football Roundup

by Andrew Pike

All 12 conference teams were in action this weekend, as were the first league games. The CAA went 4-2 outside the conference this weekend. Game recaps available online.

WCWM: THE DIAL

The ambience of Brian Eno

by Laura McCann

Brian Eno has collaborated with Maxis to provide the soundtrack for their masterpiece, “Spore.” Its main draw is that the animations and narratives in the game are procedurally generated, and so Eno created a soundtrack as procedural as the game.

BEYOND THE ‘BURG

COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA.ORG

The George Finley Bovard Administration Building at the University of Southern California.

USC Greek membership see-saws

Cultural organizations struggle as traditional ones thrive

By MAGGIE REEB
Flat Hat Insight Editor

While traditional Greek organizations draw record numbers at the University of Southern California, multicultural fraternities and sororities struggle to stay afloat.

Members of Zeta Sigma Phi, one of USC’s multicultural fraternities, waited to meet potential new members at the organization’s first rush event. Despite the group’s long list of interested students, only one freshman made an appearance, according to USC’s student newspaper, The Daily Trojan.

Zeta Sigma Phi was founded at USC in 1994 and credits itself as its first multicultural fraternity. Currently, it has five active members and failed to recruit any new members last year. The executive board says the organization aims to include people of all cultures.

“Other sororities don’t necessarily not accept people of other races, but they are still predominantly Caucasian,” said Jessica Hartnett, rush chair for Zeta Sigma Phi, said in an article in the Trojan. “We’re one of the only sororities that are truly diverse.”

Unlike other sororities and fraternities, USC’s multicultural organizations are not overseen by

either the Panhellenic Council or the Interfraternity Council. The Asian Greek Council oversees the five Asian organizations, and the Multicultural Greek Organization oversees the Hispanic, Armenian and Multicultural sororities and fraternities. The National Panhellenic Council governs the five historically Black organizations.

Syreeta Greene, a member of the National Panhellenic Council, suggested that the shrinking presence of certain minority groups on USC’s campus could be behind the decline in popularity of multicultural sororities and fraternities.

“In the ’70s, the black student population was at 15 percent. Now we’re at 5 percent,” Green said in an interview with the Trojan.

Jay Chang, president of the Asian Greek Council, pointed out that Asian sororities and fraternities are flourishing. After a two-week rush period, 70 students joined Asian Greek organizations.

“Greek life is becoming more important in Asian circles,” Chang told the Trojan.

Adding to the lack of interest, there has been a backlash against the cultural organizations at USC. Some students feel that both Panhellenic and Multicultural sororities and fraternities seek out people of one ethnicity or background while claiming to be open to all.

STREET BEAT

What is your College of William and Mary Juicy Campus secret?

“That I check Perezshilton.com every half hour.”

Sahra Roble ’11

“That Juicy Campus will cause more drama than need be.”

Nicole Johnston ’11

“The best hook ups happen in Tucker 120.”

Theresa Killion ’10

“That Fauquier 2nd upper are the biggest parties on campus.”

Lauren Vick ’12

— photos and interviews by Wayne Pearson

CITY POLICE BEAT

Sept. 9 to Sept. 14

COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

Tuesday, Sept. 9 — A 46-year-old male was arrested at the Bloom on Richmond Road for allegedly stealing seafood. **1**

— An 18-year-old male was arrested on the 100 block of Merrimac Tr. for alleged possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. **2**

Wednesday, Sept. 10 — An individual was arrested on the 100 block of Indian Springs Rd. for allegedly being drunk in public. **3**

— An unidentified individual allegedly committed a hit-and-run at the intersection of Merrimac Trail and Capital Landing Road. **2**

Friday, Sept. 12 — A 29-year-old male was arrested on the 200 block of Monticello Ave. for allegedly driving under the influence. **4**

— An individual was arrested on the 400 block of N. Boundary St. for allegedly tampering with vehicles, possessing marijuana and contributing to the delinquency of min. **5**

— The same individual was arrested two hours later at 300 W. Duke of Gloucester St. for allegedly tampering with a vehicle, stealing \$15 and assault resulting minor scratches. **6**

Saturday, Sept. 13 — A 22-year-old male was arrested on the 400 block of Merrimac Tr. for allegedly assaulting a family member. **2**

Sunday, Sept. 14 — A 25-year-old male was arrested on the 900 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly driving under the influence. **7**

— compiled by Bertel King Jr.

Reveley uncertain about Amethyst Initiative

President calls open debate involving drinking age ‘very good’

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the College as evidenced by medical cases and the fact the majority of judicial sanctions are alcohol related,” Gillingham said. “Steven, Ben Brown and I all think this debate is worth having and while we have reason to believe the current alcohol policy is flawed, it’s important to note the initiative does not proscribe any change to the law.”

Beyond the legal and safety issues concerning alcohol, there are serious sociological complexities underlying drinking practices in this country, according to sociology professor Graham Ousey.

“As a society, we make distinctions between adult and child status in part on the basis of age. But the distinction is more than an age threshold. It’s a maturity and responsibility threshold,” Ousey said. “As the Amethyst Initiative notes, we believe adults younger than 21 are responsible enough to vote, sign contracts, serve on juries and serve in the military, but not to make informed decisions about the use of alcohol.”

He explained that such threshold discrepancies

mark national disagreement about the age of responsibility and is indicative of powerful interest groups that influence policies based on particular issues, rather than principles of adulthood.

Additionally, Ousey voiced skepticism about whether a change in the legal drinking age would ultimately lead to safer drinking practices.

“Shifting the legal drinking age is not, in itself, likely to radically change usage patterns or drastically affect safety,” he said. “In my view, the safer consumption of alcohol seems to require a well-developed culture that stresses responsibility in drinking decisions.”

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Ginger Ambler ’88 Ph.D ’06 said that she shares the concerns of the SA bill’s sponsors, especially when it comes to the practices of high-risk behavior such as binge drinking. Considering these concerns, she expressed support for the initiative.

“I welcome this broad national conversation,” she said.

Upon the bill’s passage, the co-sponsors sent Reveley a message that included the results of the

vote and their plans to elicit student support for the initiative.

Kenneth P. Ruscio, president of the private Washington and Lee University, is the only president from Virginia to sign the initiative. In a letter to the Washington and Lee community, he explained why he joined the other signatories.

“As educators, we want young adults to make responsible decisions about alcohol, and we question whether the current law leads to behaviors that are irresponsible and, often, dangerous,” he said.

Reveley agreed and expressed support for the debate the initiative calls for.

“It’s very good, however, that the initiative seems to have started a serious national conversation about whether the legal age for drinking should move from 21 to 18,” he said.

Reveley did express some hesitation about the wider effects a lower drinking age could cause.

“If the only issue were how colleges and universities could best seek responsible drinking by their students, moving the age to 18 would make a lot of sense,” he said. “Traffic deaths from drunk

drivers under 21, however, must also be taken into account.”

Disputed data and disagreements over the effects of such a change persist, but Reveley explained that the Amethyst Initiative’s conversation could be important in “shedding light on such disputes.”

Though a national conversation could have a positive impact on curbing unsafe drinking behavior among college students, Reveley believes the policies of individual universities can go a long way in preventing this type of behavior.

Reveley said it is hard to know exactly which policies are most effective.

“My best guess is that colleges are most useful when they provide credible, compelling information to their students on two scores: first, the inescapable health and safety consequences of irresponsible drinking, and, second, campus-specific information showing that many students choose not to drink at all and even more choose not to drink irresponsibly,” he said. “In the final analysis, though, I believe the most effective constraint on irresponsible drinking by college students is peer pressure.”

Sorority fall bids up

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posted on the Greek Life website that presented individual women’s impressions of sorority life. Morgan said more women were educated about the recruitment process — which involves multiple rounds of required events—after watching the videos.

“A lot more people were informed and knew what to expect before the process started,” Morgan said. “That way they were able to relax and enjoy the experience more.”

Men looking to pledge a fraternity attended open houses held over the past two weeks and began receiving bids yesterday. All bids from fraternities to individuals must be offered within nine days, and an official bid day is scheduled for Sept. 24.

Recruitment for Greek organizations at the College is a vastly different procedure for men and women.

Sororities are bound by regulations laid out by the National Panhellenic Conference regulations that are meant to ensure a fair and open recruitment process. Potential sisters participate in several rounds of events that take place over two weekends, and contact between potential new members and affiliated women is limited.

Fraternities use a more loosely structured system. Men are encouraged to meet potential brothers informally, outside of the official recruitment process. Organized events, including the open houses, Meet the Greeks during Orientation, and Finding the Fraternities are all optional, but strongly recommended.

“The process for women stresses cooperation, and attempts to put everyone on equal footing. The men’s process works more towards protecting the interests of the individual groups,” Arseneau said.



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
Kappa Delta sisters celebrate Bid Day on Sunday.

City hosts block parties

Signs made to welcome students

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said. “[I] appreciate the city’s effort on that.”

Zeidler agreed.

“The block parties were a huge success,” she said. “There was very good interaction between students and residents.”

The city has also gone online, using Facebook in efforts to connect with the College. Students can become a fan of the “City of Williamsburg” and gain access to local coupons, city newsletters, event calendars and the William and Mary Student Guide to the City of Williamsburg. The Student Guide offers valuable resources for accessing local services like bus routes and schedules, emergency numbers,

and city contacts.

“We’ve been doing [the Student Guide] for a number of years, and it’s updated each year,” Zeidler said. “We will probably send it out once more so students can take advantage of it. ... Students get a lot of information that way.”

Zeidler said Williamsburg will continue to make connections with the College, promising regular meetings with SA and student leaders to improve town-gown relations in the upcoming school year.

“The Student Assembly and city leaders will be meeting once every three weeks to discuss issues with the College,” Zeidler said. “So we can continue to include the College in our city planning.”

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STAFF EDITORIAL

SA: Answer for purchases

Two weeks ago, former Student Assembly Vice President Zach Pilchen '09 resigned in the face of campus outrage over his use of SA funds for personal purchases — but that has solved little of the mystery surrounding the SA's off-campus account. SA members promised to investigate and then, by and large, went mute. Students deserve to know how and where SA money was spent over the course of the past year.

In the last two weeks, our reporters have pored over what scant documentation exists, finding that only a couple people know exactly what was purchased and why — and those people won't talk. There are no records detailing the purchases beyond bank statements that identify where the purchases occurred. With few exceptions, SA members have refused to comment on the affair, and those who have say they don't know anything. But students need answers and transparency if they are to trust their elected leaders.

If nothing else, these two weeks of investigation have proven that the SA's off-campus account had never before received intense

Students need answers and transparency if they are to trust their elected leaders.

scrutiny. That's troubling, given that more than \$20,000 was at stake — even more so because the attached debit card has turned up in suspicious places. Like Wawa. On Dec. 8, 2007, records indicate a purchase of \$4.79 there. And then Feb. 13, 2008, the card appeared in Bloom for another \$8.39. Why did nobody in the SA notice these? Why can't anybody tell us who made the purchases or what they were?

Someone, somewhere, oversaw this spending. But nobody's talking.

Former SA Secretary of Finance Andrew Blasi '10 was one of those overseers. His job (which he resigned from last semester) specifically required his attention to this account, yet he refuses to discuss it. Yael Gilboa '11, his replacement, refuses to talk as well.

SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 has been willing to talk, but she can't account for what Pilchen purchased or who he might have let borrow the card. An explanation could potentially exonerate the SA and its members, but none appears forthcoming.

This stonewalling from people connected to the account leads us to believe that Pilchen's case has come before the Honor Council. The nature of the Honor Council's proceedings requires secrecy due to a federal law, which may prevent those in the know from discussing the way money flowed through the account. But a pending Honor Council trial doesn't exonerate Pilchen from answering to the students he served about other questionable purchases that occurred while he was in charge of the debit card.

We urge the SA permanently to revert back to its former system of using written checks to make purchases from the account, as this system seems harder to abuse. We also urge the SA to keep written records of exactly what is purchased and why.

When students elected their leaders, they expected transparency. Currently, it appears they've been shortchanged.

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By Vicky Chao, Flat Hat Cartoonist

College life drains students' wallets

Brittany Hamilton
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Money — everyone worries about it and wants more of it. And, at the College of William and Mary this year, everyone is spending more of it. After a hard summer of unpaid internships and scarce summer jobs, many students face an unsavory future of spending.

For fall 2007, in-state students paid an average of \$4,582 for their semester at the College. Out-of-state students paid \$13,467. This fall, in-state students paid a heftier bill of \$5,123 and out-of-state students paid \$14,663. Including room and board, books and other expenses, this fall semester at the College will cost in-state students about \$10,300 and out-of-state students about \$19,800. Those are some scary numbers, and they're not getting smaller anytime soon.

As for our education, we're still learning from the same professors, and at least somebody finally checked to see why Tucker Hall smells like raw sewage. But how long until the College's decreased state funding and smaller revenues force professors to look elsewhere? How long until Tucker gets renovated? It seems that instead of looking after the College's

historical buildings and easing the suffering of years of English majors, the College is trying to build out and up. This is a desperate strategy to appeal to new science majors, who in the future will have more money to donate than the stinky English majors.

But, there are ways to ease the pressure that the College puts on your wallet. First of all, dining services offers three different meal plans with 19, 14 and 10 meals a week for the exact same price. If you can cook for yourself, you can eat comfortably for about \$50 to \$70 a week, give or take a pizza or two. Do the math — you'll be saving a lot of money. Also, unless your schedule is packed, you can probably devote six to eight hours a week to a job. Don't tell yourself that you deserve that latte after class.

It costs \$305 to park your baby on campus, with no guarantee that you'll have a spot every day. If you need your car here, use a friend's parking spot off campus and park on campus on the weekend for free. A greener idea — invest in a bicycle. Even if you pay \$1000 for a bike, that's pennies compared to what you'd spend in a year on a parking permit, gas and the inevitable parking tickets.

Lastly, even though you're trying to save money, be courteous. If you're lucky enough to have a friend drive you somewhere, help pay for gas. Trust me, in times like these, they don't like you that much.

Brittany Hamilton is a junior at the College.

BOV acts without campus voice

Pablo Fierro
FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



"Don't tread on me."

These words were carefully chosen by our founders as a declaration of the fundamental dream of the United States: That everyone in a position of power is held accountable for all decisions, both great and small.

It was with great disappointment that I read the e-mails from Rector Michael Powell '85 regarding the Board of Visitors' decision to remove Taylor Reveley's interim status. That Reveley would be declared president of the College of William and Mary seemed a foregone conclusion. That the e-mails gave short notice and used ambiguous language shows that not only does Powell continue to treat this community with condescension; he revels in being accountable to few.

But in this community, there is great power. The students, faculty and staff of this campus have a voice, and it is a powerful one. I urge everyone to let the BOV know how we feel about its decision.

I personally have no great complaint against Reveley. His interim tenure has been notable only in how little his presence was felt. Certainly there is an art in working hard behind the scenes to achieve positive change, but that Reveley is credited with bringing the community back together does a disservice to all the men and women who worked tirelessly in a time of crisis, and then worked hard to reunite the community after the BOV made irreversible decisions.

Reveley is not a president we helped choose.

His power comes from the BOV, and if the BOV members could not get the sway they felt they deserved when former College President Gene Nichol was running things, they will certainly have no such complaints about Reveley. It seems that Reveley has found his greatest aspiration in the presidency of the College. But if the prize he covets is so great, let him earn it.

Begin the search for the new president that was promised, and if Reveley wishes to be considered, he should be. But to win the post like this is a hollow victory. Powell has previously told of how Nichol was selected for the job after months of searching, after review from many different groups, including members of the faculty, staff and former President Timothy Sullivan '66.

If it is unwilling to begin this process again, a process that by all rights would have taken place if Nichol had not resigned before the end of his term, then it is our duty to find a BOV that will — a BOV that truly has the best interests of the community at heart.

The best way to communicate with the BOV is directly, but beyond that, it is our duty as members of a public institution to take this to a higher power. Write your legislators and let them know what is happening here. If we cannot convince the BOV to rethink its methods, then we must turn to someone it will listen to.

I would urge Nichol if he in any way still cares for our cause, to let his own voice be heard free from censorship to weigh-in on these latest happenings on our campus. The many great examples of activism on this campus at the end of last semester were just a preamble.

This is about our fundamental rights as a community. The true fight for the heart of the College begins now.

Pablo Fierro is a junior at the College.

Rethinking the town and gown

Alexander Ely
FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



Lost in the chaos of the past weeks has been an exciting trend, one that leads me to believe that students at the College of William and Mary might see a change in the three-person housing rule before the end of this year. Much ink has been spilt on this debate, but even after an intense few years, there are a few misconceptions that remain.

"Matt Beato's loss in the spring City Council election was a major setback for students." Perhaps, but there are many reasons to be optimistic. City Council members, including Mayor Jeanne Zeidler, have indicated a willingness to reach a compromise on the three-person housing rule. Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins '09 seems to realize that the all-or-nothing approach to the city from the past several years has failed, largely because it was built on antagonism rather than prudence. Instead of going to City Council with a list of demands as they have in years past, the SA has set up regular meetings with the City Council, and Zeidler says that the relationship this year is one that is more amicable and more likely to produce results. And, of course, the voter registration efforts over the past two years have made a world of difference. The student turnout for last spring's City Council election, although not enough to get Matt Beato '09 elected, was validation that progress was being made.

"The three-person housing rule disproportionately affects students." Of course, but it's not going anywhere. The City Council responds to a diverse constituency, and some members of the community are very vocal in their opposition to having students live among them

in large numbers. The reality is that the majority of student tenants will be very responsible, but when a small group of properties develop reputations as being animal houses, it's hard for their neighbors to focus on the positive things that students do for the community. The rule exists because of the conflict between this small group of students and a vocal minority of city residents. Three-person housing will not be abolished, but it can be changed. For instance, the city could establish limits proportional to the number of bedrooms or the number of parking spots available. Because of property values and noise concerns, it's understandable that the city would want a housing limit, but the fact that they use a uniform standard, with no regard for the number of rooms in each home, is the main reason that the rule affects students more than any other group. It's also the one area where the city might be willing to compromise.

"The City Council is anti-student." False. One need only look on Facebook or read issues of The Flat Hat from the past two years to see that there are many students who believe that the city is out to get them, that many of their policies and initiatives are geared toward preventing students from living off campus, and that the mayor herself harbors some sort of hatred for the student body. That couldn't be further from the truth. Zeidler attended the College for graduate school. Her husband was a history professor here for more than 30 years. Several other members of her family are graduates. Other City Council members share similar family ties or have worked at the College in the past.

It's not that they're anti-student, but like all other practitioners of the political profession, they operate within their own set of constraints and constituent demands. The only way to change that constituency is to register more students to vote, and hopefully to get a student elected to City Council. Until that happens, however, demonizing the City Council will accomplish nothing.

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Gossip hot spot

Juicy Campus' online forum turns cyberspace into a fiery rumor mill

By ALICE HAHN
Flat Hat Executive Editor

“I actually feel bad for his brothers who have to pretend they like him.” Those are harsh words to read about anyone, much less yourself, as Andrew Ullrich '11 found out last week as he browsed Juicy Campus. In a thread titled “People you hate,” one responder asserts, “andrew ullrich without a doubt.” In this and another thread — “why does everyone hate andrew ullrich so much?” — people tear apart his character. “Some people really have some disdain for me,” Ullrich said. Juicy Campus, which launched a page for the College of William and Mary Sept. 2, is an online forum that allows users to post comments completely anonymously. Essentially a slam book for the modern world, Juicy Campus encourages college students to “spill the juice about all the

crazy stuff going on at your campus.” The site took a couple days to catch on, but had attracted a following by the end of the first week. Posts ranged from sorority bashing to general callouts, with many people asking questions and few offering answers. As people grew comfortable with the site, more full names appeared. One trend, common in response to many negative threads, is an onslaught of posts defending the honor of the person slandered. “Screw you,” one responder said. “Andrew U is the shit.” Though he wonders who posted about him, Ullrich said he is not especially hurt. “[The] comments themselves didn't bother me at all,” he said. “It's just that people say things they'd never say if they didn't have an alias.” He said he was most offended by the comments about other people he knows, such as a post about one of his fraternity brothers. “To see that up there really infuriates me.” So far, the College's page features

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Girls crowd around a computer to look at the Juicy Campus website. Juicy Campus contains anonymous gossip posts about people and groups at numerous college campuses. The College has had a page since Sept. 2

TV REVIEW

Patients take backseat to doctor drama in “House”

By ALEX GUILLÉN
Flat Hat News Editor

The moment you know this new season of “House” is going to be interesting? A cleavage shot in the first minute. “House,” which premieres tonight at 8 p.m. on Fox, returns two months after the intense conclusion of last season. Amber (Anne Dudek), former prospective diagnostic team member and girlfriend of James Wilson (Robert

Sean Leonard) died — thanks in part to the dependence of Greg House (Hugh Laurie) on Wilson. As the episode opens, Wilson is resigning from the hospital having taken time off after Amber's death. Despite attempts from House and administrator Lisa Cuddy (Lisa Edelstein) to placate him, Wilson says he needs distance both from the hospital and from House. Meanwhile, House “accidentally” reveals to the team that Thirteen (Olivia Wilde), the

token female doctor on House's new team, tested positive for Huntington's disease, a neurological disorder that leaves her with only about a dozen years of quality life left. Thirteen is in many ways an interesting character; consider her disease, her name — which she has yet to reveal — and her sexuality. Although it's only been hinted at on the show, Wilde revealed this summer that Thirteen is indeed bisexual. That doesn't fit in with House's definitive, bimodal world view, although it does amuse him to no end. Kutner (Kal Penn) and Taub (Pater Jacobsen) are still disappointingly ambiguous. Both have strong backgrounds with plenty of room on which to expand, but so far neither has actually developed. Kutner has more radical methods than House, which is intriguing, but Taub still hasn't revealed his personal quirk, which leaves the writers plenty of freedom to test out multiple possibilities before committing to one. The premier's medical mystery focuses on a hard-working corporate assistant. (The cleavage shot, by the way, comes when she is hallucinating that she is covered in ants; we get a bird's eye view of the little buggers.) If you aren't a big fan of change, don't worry; this is one of those too-frequent episodes featuring rectal bleeding. But back to the main drama: the House-Wilson wars. To show Wilson how serious

WATCH
“House” Season 5 premiere, tonight, 8 p.m. on Fox (Channel 14)



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Thirteen and House analyze a patient in the season premiere episode. Thirteen seems to soften House's often harsh bedside manner in the new season.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Despite all-star cast, “Burn After Reading” lacks spark

By JEFF DOOLEY
Flat Hat Managing Editor

Quirky is the expectation when it comes to the Coen Brothers, so it should come as no surprise that the duo chose to follow up their scary-grim, Academy Award-winning “No Country for Old Men” with the lighthearted spy movie parody “Burn After Reading.” As far as shifts in tone go, it's not exactly following up “Titanic” with

“Eurotrip,” but it's close. Based on the film's fast-moving, two-minute trailer, and the conventional wisdom leading up to the film's release, the moviegoer is set up for a laugh-a-minute comedy. It is for this reason that the movie falls short of viewer expectations. The film's shortcomings certainly do not lie in the performances of its A-List cast. George Clooney (as the neurotic nymphomaniac Harry Pfarrer), Frances McDormand (as the plastic surgery-obsessed Linda Litzke) and John Malkovich (as haggard victim of circumstances



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Brad Pitt steals the spotlight as personal trainer Chad Feldheimer in this star-studded spy movie parody.

Osborne Cox) all deliver great performances. It is Brad Pitt's rendition of goofball personal trainer Chad Feldheimer, however, that steals the show. Feldheimer, who backs himself into blackmailing Cox for the return of a CIA data disc along with the equally hapless Litzke, carries the movie in its early stages with his non-stop dancing and too-

perfect dialogue scenes with Cox. His energy is so contagious that the remaining scenes without him feel empty by comparison. Despite some criticism to the contrary, the film's complex plot flows along smoothly. The Coen brothers lay the spy-movie references on thick, featuring

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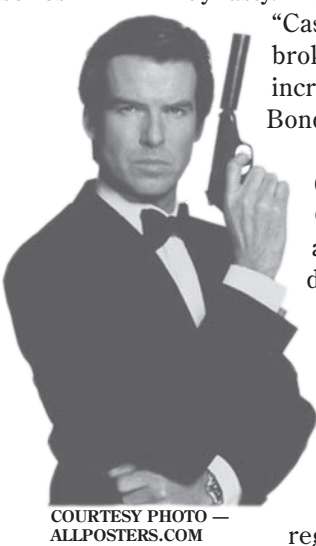
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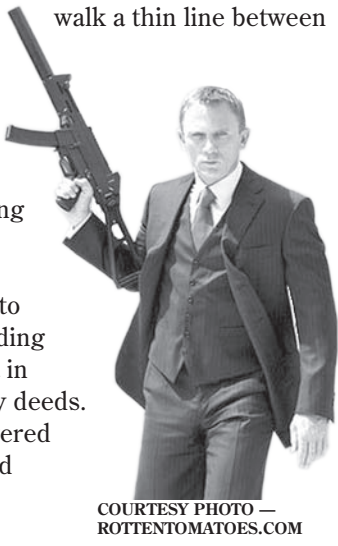
By TJ THOMPSON
The Flat Hat

I recently saw the trailer for the newest Bond movie (“Quantum of Solace,” due out Nov. 14) and I, along with the rest of the world, am now eagerly awaiting its premier. Daniel Craig's ascension to the throne heralds a new era in the series' dynasty. His first film as 007, “Casino Royale” (2006), broke off from the increasingly fantastic Bonds of recent history. Pierce Brosnan (“The Thomas Crown Affair”), for all his traditional dark-haired-and-handsome characteristics, fell victim to outrageous plot lines on more than one occasion. “Goldeneye” (1995), although regarded as an excellent Bond movie,

also has its faults. In one particular chase scene, Bond manages to steal and pilot a T-55 tank. He then drives through walls and buildings as if they were Taco Bell establishments. Later, while trapped in an armored train with a beautiful girl and a ticking time bomb, he manages to cut through the floor with a fancy-pants watch laser. Cool gadgets serve an essential role in the arsenal of any action hero, but these high tech tools walk a thin line between practical and plain silly. A 1999 release featured Bond yet again, with Brosnan leading in “The World is Not Enough.” The gadgets continued to steal the screen, aiding the double-O agent in more extraordinary deeds. A small rocket-powered speedboat propelled Brosnan for a good distance along the streets of London in the opening pursuit — a hop and a skip over the road might make sense, but this kind of thing is nothing short of ridiculous. Then, the lovable Q saved our hero and his girl from an avalanche by giving him an inflatable jacket with more airbags than can be in a compact car. Yet, my intelligence had never been quite so insulted as when, in “Die Another Day” (2002), the audience watched the Aston-Martin Vanquish disappear. First of all, why would you want that stunning, sexy vehicle to disappear? Second, is the director serious? A disappearing car? I was more than willing to suspend my disbelief until



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Rob Riggle of ‘Daily Show’ to perform stand-up at PBK

By DEVIN BRAUN
The Flat Hat

A different kind of hurricane will be blowing into The College of William and Mary’s campus Friday. Actor and correspondent Rob Riggle has in recent months swept through Baghdad, Beijing and Alaska as part of his investigative duties with “The Daily Show,” hosted by Jon Stewart ‘84.

Riggle will be displaying his comedic talents at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. A veteran of the comedy profession, he has appeared as a cast member on “Saturday Night Live” and a guest on “The Office” and “Arrested Development.”

“[His] sense of humor is very much steeped in anger,” Ian Goodrum ’12 said. “Riggle’s just aggressive and impetuous, and it works.”

The foundations of Riggle’s comic career can be traced to his work in the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre, an improvisational group staged in both Los Angeles and New York City. He experienced Late Night fame as well as prominent roles in the films “Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby” (as Jack Telmont) and “Step Brothers.”

“I’ve only seen [him] on the ‘Daily Show,’” Omar Elemam ’12 said. “But I think we’ll be able to see more of what he actually thinks and what makes him tick.”



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Riggle is perhaps best known for his ‘Daily Show’ reports from China during the Summer Olympics. In a series entitled “Chasing the Dragon,” Riggle revealed the eclectic, traditional and familiarly American aspects of Chinese society.

He also parodied the often antagonistic rivalries between the Chinese and Americans during the Olympics. Capitalizing on the popularity

gained during his reports in China, Riggle has recently been a central part of the show’s coverage of both Democrat and Republican political conventions.

“The Daily Show” not only offers me a news source, but it also offers a high-quality brand of commentary not found anywhere else on cable,” Aaron Port ’12 said.

Although Riggle often satirizes the bombastic, angry-American patriot, he himself has an established career in the military. A major in the Marine Corps Reserves, Riggle has been awarded 19 times

for service in arenas such as Liberia, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

The doors to PBK open at 7 p.m. with opener comedian Adam Lowitt. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$20 for the public, and can be purchased online at www.wm.edu/boxoffice, by phone at 757-221-2674, or in person at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall.

CAPSULE REVIEWS

DO YOU KNOW JESSICA SIMPSON

When I heard Jessica Simpson had a country album due out this fall, I shuddered. How could the world’s ditziest starlet become a country music sensation? Produced by Brett James (who has worked with country queen Carrie Underwood) and written mostly by Simpson, “Do You Know” had to meet great expectations if it were to cement Simpson’s reputation as a country superstar. It starts out decently enough, with the top-20 single “Come on Over,” and continues with the most genuine song on the album, “I Remember That.” The song pleads with victims of spousal abuse, urging them not to return to their partners.

And then, things get ugly. Despite assurances that Simpson loves country music, there isn’t a real standout track that displays that passion. Songs such as “Pray Out Loud” and “You’re My Sunday” all offer generic lyrics that could be found in any genre of music. To make matters worse, Jessica’s efforts to bring authenticity by singing with Dolly Parton on the title track, “Do You Know,” backfires, as Simpson’s overblown, whiny voice fails to mesh with Dolly’s exceptional one.

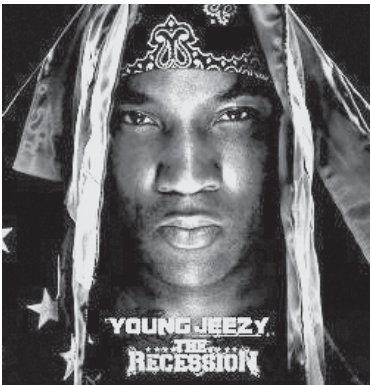


The album might put listeners who enjoy upbeat, catchy tunes right to sleep, as only one song, “Stay Beautiful,” manages not to be a ballad. Listeners who enjoy country/pop artists like Taylor Swift will probably find this album worthwhile, due to its heavy emphasis on relationships. But it’s not suited for country fans who prefer a more serious fare.

— by Matt Schofield
★★★★☆

THE RECESSION YOUNG JEEZY

Young Jeezy, the Atlanta-based rapper of “Love in this Club” fame, released his third solo album, “The Recession,” on which he attempts to offer a profound message about the current state of our nation. Unfortunately, Jeezy swings and misses. This continues the trend of “rapper turned political pundit,” which hasn’t exactly worked out for artists who, as recently as last year, were writing songs about throwing money in the strip club and selling copious amounts of drugs.



The CD includes few featured artists, none of whom appear until the 13th track. The first track, “The Recession (Intro),” does nothing more than get you pumped for a social commentary theme that never even gets off the ground. The first half of the album features songs that bring nothing new or revolutionary to the table. The second half of the CD includes the two singles, “Vacation,” a typical club song, and “Put On,” featuring Kanye West. “The Recession (Intro),” “Put On,” and the final track, “My President (featuring Nas),” are the only tracks worth listening to if you want to hear Young Jeezy talk about anything other than his cars and clothes. The album makes you wonder how much the recession has really affected the guy, especially when he says “My president is black,” only to follow with “my Lambo’s blue, and I’ll be God damned if my rims ain’t too.” It’s good to know that even in these rough times, Young Jeezy can buy a Lamborghini and still afford matching rims.

— by Chris Yamoah, WCWM DJ
★★★★☆

‘Burn’ fails to match expectations

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overly ominous music, scrolling high-tech typewriter fonts and shots of black dress shoes clapping against the CIA’s white corridors. As much as it parodies espionage movies, the film also mocks Washington culture itself, poking fun at a town filled with exercised-crazed government types and undercover spy look-alikes.

It’s not fair to say that “Burn After Reading” is not worth seeing, because it is, but it certainly does leave something to be desired. The setup is so perfect and the snippets of humor so well done that the audience’s appetite is whetted for more, and then left disappointed. Just when the movie feels as though the wheels are going to spin off and lead us into complete comedy bliss, that dream comes to an abrupt end, and the movie shuffles to the finish line.

‘Burn’ is likely a film that gets better with second and third viewings, but it doesn’t look like it will have the lasting impact that the Coens’ “The Big Lebowski” did 10 years ago, or perhaps even what ‘No Country’ will have in the near future. The film’s one hope of an iconic character is Pitt’s Feldheimer, but his lack of screen time leaves the audience wanting so much more.

They could’ve used a few more laughs, too.



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House vs. Wilson: Wilson walks, House loses his edge

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he is, House apologizes for Amber’s death — “It’s hard to imagine such a world,” Wilson retorts. To prove his sorrow, House walks out of the hospital just as a patient enters into cardiac arrest.

“Your friendship means more to me than this patient,” he tells Wilson. And no, that is not an editing error; House actually and explicitly states his feelings for Wilson. Watch the background closely; you may just see a pig flying.

Ambivalent and unbelieving, Wilson ultimately leaves, and House starts trolling for a replacement.

“Do you have some ethical problem with what I’m doing that you can express in a unique way which might actually make me think that I’m wrong, even though I’ll never admit it?” House asks a random doctor in the cafeteria.

“Yes,” the doctor fires back. But it’s no good; House is platonically smitten with Wilson.

“But wait,” you interject. “This is a show about doctors. And not some crap show about doctors like ‘Grey’s Anatomy,’ where they talk about heart attacks for 30 seconds and then make out.” “House” is the kind of show that focuses on the patients, that explores their stories and reflects on the lives of the characters, or that leads to a fascinating ethical debate.



COURTESY PHOTO — SEAT42F.COM
Hugh Laurie returns as Dr. Gregory House for the fifth season of the Fox Hit Series, “House.”

Craig takes Bond back to roots

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the invisible Vanquish took the movie’s credibility right with it.

Brosnan was smooth and in control — no question about that — but at times it seemed his glance was a little too kind and his ways with love interests were too emotional. Daniel Craig, although fair-haired, reverts to a Bond truer to the original text. Ian Fleming published “Casino Royale” as the first James Bond novel. It is only appropriate that an actor should try to embody the original conception of Bond. Craig has already done this masterfully — his cold, blue gaze gives off a calculating, detached personality. The focus of the movie was not on the outlandish (if not outrageous) gadgets, but on the intriguing, almost villainous character of Bond himself.

“Casino Royale” was bitterly realistic. Our protagonist gathered intelligence, planned

Sorry, but those days seem to be over. The third season saw a sad decline in patient participation as the drama unfolding around the cast increased, while the fourth season featured character building of Thirteen, Taub and Kutner. Now, the patient almost seems like an afterthought — a reason for them to pedaconference around the inexplicably well-designed corridors of Princeton-Plainsboro Teaching Hospital.

If “House” is to be restored to its former glory, it must refocus on the things that made it great: slow character development framed around a strong guest star patient.

Next week’s episode doesn’t improve on that lack of guest star development, but it does bring a new and exciting development: House’s first spin-off. House hires a private investigator to look into the life of that episode’s patient, but the PI — much like House in regards to observational skills and dry wit — knows that he really wants him to spy on Wilson.

Lucas, the PI, is excellently portrayed by Michael Weston, (“Six Feet Under,” “Scrubs”). It appears Lucas will be at least a recurring character during this season. According to “House” creator David Shore, the character’s introduction will serve to create a spin-off show that really has nothing to do with “House,” but features a House-like character.



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Daniel Craig plays James Bond in “Casino Royale,” returning to the classic, debonaire Bond facade.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

The College’s sexual mission, should you choose to accept it

Maya Horowitz
FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



I’m all for experimenting sexually. If you dream up something, go for it. You like the idea of eating tuna fish out of your girlfriend’s already fishy area? Why not? (I actually have a friend that did that, no joke. It was a birthday present.) Of course, there are limits to this (safety concerns, legal issues, etc.), but once those are cleared up, the sexual world is your oyster.

But what if what you’re trying out isn’t your idea? Maybe your significant other thought it up, maybe you read it in Cosmopolitan or maybe a drunken friend dared you. Does the fact that it is someone else’s brainchild fundamentally change the nature of the experiment?

For me, personally, it does. If I think something up, like having a threesome, then I’m game. But if someone suggests to my boyfriend and me that we should have a threesome, I suddenly find the idea disgusting. The same goes for someone who is sexually inexperienced. In my opinion, it should be their idea to begin their journey of magical wonderment and nudity.

Something upsets me about another person dictating to me what my sex life should be like. One of my favorite things about sex is that it’s such a personal decision. With so many other things in my life determined for me, I love finally being in control.

It is uncertain where I draw the line. I like sex advice. If you have a trick for how I could make my man happier in bed, I’d love to hear it. But the second I start to feel like you’re pressuring me into doing it, I close up. Who knows, maybe it’s my pride kicking in.

For some people, however, sexual dares are fair game. They get a natural rush from taking that chance. To these brave people: I applaud you. You are more adventurous than I, your loyal sex columnist, will ever be. But be careful. Waking up and being embarrassed about your actions from the night before is never pleasant.

Most of the women in my group of high

school friends were just this kind of person. They ingeniously created something called “Summer Challenge,” a sexual checklist that was distributed to all of the girls in our circle. Different point values were assigned to different tasks. We had from Memorial Day until Labor Day to complete it, and we came together at the end of the summer to tally up the points.

In this spirit of those true American heroes, I would like to propose the College of William and Mary Challenge. Choosing not to participate is obviously an option: I, myself, lost miserably in the Summer Challenge. As I said, I think sexual dares are icky. Remember, all of these acts should be consensual and safe. I am not advocating illegal activities or coerced sex. And for God’s sake, wear a condom! If you’re like my high school buddies, this might be just the impetus you need to try something new. For the rest of you, you can just stand by and giggle.

Places:

- Your dorm room (1 pt)
- An academic building (3 pts)
- Outside (3 pts)
- An off-campus house (2 pts)
- In the shower (2 pts)

People:

- A fraternity or sorority member (1 pt)
- Someone who lives in your building (2 pts)
- Someone in a different academic year (2 pts)
- A townie (3 pts)

Positions:

- Missionary (1 pt)
- Reverse cowgirl (2 pts)
- From behind (2 pts)
- Spooning (3 pts)
- Legs wrapped around your head (4 pts)

Miscellaneous:

- Say the wrong name (4 pts)
- Make animal noises (5 pts)
- Keep your clothes on (2 pts)
- Role-play a sexy classroom scene (3 pts)
- In a foreign language (4 pts)

Check out my blog on flatatnews.com and tell me any funny stories that come up in the course of your adventures. Good luck and Godspeed, heroes.

Maya Horowitz is The Flat Hat sex columnist. Her goal for the semester is 15 points, since she came up with this list herself. Let her know if you can keep up.



OLIVIA WALCH — THE FLAT HAT

Through the virtual campus grapevine

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mostly mild, run-of-the-mill downers. Students at other colleges, including Columbia University and Princeton University, have had their reputations tarnished due to comments on the site. Most comments go no further than matching a name to a characteristic, whether it be labeling someone a slut or most hated. At this point, few posts tell detailed stories.

That is not to say comments aren’t hurtful. A thread titled “Rape/Sexual Assault: Guys to look out for,” identifies several students by name. While the comment asserts hope that “something good can come of this website,” a later response lambastes the thread: “did you consider, that this also could open the door to people lying about names of people who have done absolutely nothing.”

In response to, “What if I see a comment that just isn’t true?” among the site’s frequently asked questions, the Juicy Campus staff offers numerous explanations about how comments could be either opinion or a parody. The staff advises that readers should take everything with a grain of salt. The most concrete course of action the staff offers, however, is the admonition that “you should probably give a big thumbs down.”

Some have likened the site to Gossip Girl, the Perez Hilton-style rumor site in the hit show of the same name, but there are inherent differences. Even the cruel and calculating title character demands some credibility: In one of the final episodes last season, Gossip Girl says, “I’m tired of being the bearer of bad grudges. This is the last item that goes to press without proof.”

Juicy Campus requires no proof — it doesn’t even require an identity. The owners are fully aware of the damage the site is capable of causing; they seem to thoroughly enjoy it. According to the site’s FAQs, “Juicy Campus believes very strongly in free and anonymous speech online. We comply with lawful subpoenas because we have to, but if some university President called us asking for a favor, we’d tell him to go screw himself.”

But, many students at the College fear such anonymous free speech. Kappa Kappa Gamma made a sorority-wide decision not to participate in or promote in any way a website based on anonymous gossip. Individuals, too, worry about the damage it could cause.

“If someone really wants to ruin a guy’s reputation, they could mention something that would scare girls, like roofing,” Ullrich said.

Though he thought about responding to the posts about himself, he decided that would put him on the same level of the anonymous commenters.

“That’s not even something you need to stand up for,” he said. “It can only cause harm — anything you say, you should attach your name to.”

Juicy Campus spurred enough damaging rumors at Columbia earlier in the year that the student government called a special meeting to discuss banning the site. Similar bans have been discussed at schools from Pepperdine University to Duke University. At the College, where we value our strong sense of community, various posts assert that our school is above this. A response to one such post says, simply, “no we aren’t.”

INSIDE SPORTS

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What’s on TV?

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Louisville vs. Kansas State

— 8 p.m. Wednesday on ESPN2

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Columbus vs. New York

— 7 p.m. Thursday on ESPN2



Sound bytes

“We’re not down two. Can’t you see the scoreboard?”
— Denver wide receiver Brandon Stokley reacting to Head Coach Mike Shanahan’s decision to go for two points during the Broncos 39-38 victory.



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— Consecutive innings that the Houston Astros did not register a hit against the Chicago Cubs.

VOLLEYBALL

Tribe enjoys perfect weekend

College goes 4-0 at N.C. State Classic, ending three-match losing streak

By **JACK POLLOCK**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Following a winless stay in St. Louis, the College of Willam and Mary earned four victories this weekend at the Hilton/RTP N.C. State Classic thanks to aggressive play.

The College showed signs of improvement over the weekend, going undefeated in the tournament and boosting its record to 7-3 on the season.

“It’s really all coming together for us,” Head Coach Melissa Shelton said. “We are getting a lot more out of our middle attack, our serving is more aggressive and we’re able to put teams on the defensive right away, and our setters are understanding how we want the balls distributed among our hitters.”

The Tribe beat its opponents in kills (192-122) and serving aces (21-16), finding the corners with its attacks and serving aggressively.

After a tough opening match with the University of North Carolina-Asheville, the Tribe rolled through North Carolina State University, Norfolk State University and Western Carolina University without giving up a set.

“We have a deep bench that really helped us maintain our momentum throughout the tournament,” sophomore middle blocker Ginny Bray said.

Bray, who was named tournament MVP, averaged nine kills per match. She had 10 kills in the Tribe’s first match against UNC-Asheville, which proved the College’s toughest opponent of the tournament.

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The Tribe quickly fell behind the Bulldogs 2-0, committing 23 errors in the first two games.

“UNC-Asheville came out ready to play and we did not,” Shelton said. “It was a great wake up call for us and [a reminder] that we need to be ready to go at every instance.”

Bray and sophomore outside hitter Erin Skipper sparked a Tribe comeback with 25 combined kills in the last three sets. Defensively, senior liberos — defensive specialists — Jo Sotto and Jill Nowadly played a big role for the Tribe, recording 19 digs each. Their play allowed senior setter Kim Mount, who recorded her second double-double of the season with 57 assists and 10 digs, to set up the College attack.



MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
Senior middle blocker Molly Bohman (left) and junior outside hitter Lauren Powell.

Riggins, Grimes carry Tribe past Keydets in home opener

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Despite the final margin, the contest began erratically for the Tribe. After the defense forced a three and out on the Keydets’ initial possession, the College’s offense took over deep in its own territory. On the unit’s third play from scrimmage, senior wide receiver Elliott Mack broke free on a deep route, but Phillips’ throw fell short of its target, resulting in his third interception of the season.

On the Tribe’s next offensive possession, the Keydet defense came up with a second big turnover, as a Phillips’ pass was tipped at the line and fell into the hands of linebacker Kyle Nikmard.

But a swarming Tribe defense repeatedly stifled VMI’s option offense, and Laycock turned to his running game to put the College on the board.

With 1:51 remaining in the first quarter, Grimes, who earned CAA rookie of the week honors for his 97-yard, two touchdown performance, took a handoff around the right side and then bounced off several tacklers on his way to a 29-yard touchdown run. Several minutes later, Phillips found junior tight end Rob Varno at the goal line to put the Tribe up 14-0; the rout was on.

Throughout the night, the College’s sturdy offensive line dominated VMI’s undersized front four, opening up running lanes for Tribe backs. Riggins, the game’s leading rusher, piled up 180 yards on 15 carries, including a 53-yard ramble off the left end to open the second half.

“I had fun out there,” Riggins said. “The line was blocking really well. The receivers were blocking really well, too, and that gives you the extra edge.”

Defensively, the College held the Keydets to

just 287 yards of total offense. Junior safety David Caldwell was everywhere, notching 10 tackles and then forcing and recovering a fumble. Senior cornerback Derek Cox routinely disrupted the VMI running game while recording six tackles, two for a loss.

“VMI is one of those teams that when you play against them, you really don’t have to play real fast, you just have to play right,” Cox said. “We didn’t want them to score 17 points, we wanted to hold them to zero.”

Although the final margin was decisive, the contest left the Tribe with plenty of room for improvement: The College turned the ball over four times and committed eight penalties for 80 yards.

“We got away with [those mistakes] tonight, but we won’t get away with it against some other people,” Laycock said.

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Tribe steers its way toward the tougher part of its schedule.

For starters, yes, the defense is improved

Maybe this is a little too soon to rush to judgment (check back with me once they’ve faced the likes of Villanova University and the University of New Hampshire), but all indicators are that this is a different Tribe defense from last year. There’s a visible energy about this unit, which returns almost everyone from last season, that wasn’t present a year ago. Senior cornerback Derek Cox said Saturday night that the unit is no longer worrying as much about the schemes and formations they’re running, but instead focusing more on flying to the ball and making plays.

They’re also letting last season’s disappointment — and the resulting criticism — fuel them this season.

“People have just been knocking us down, knocking us down, knocking us down,” Cox said. “We want to respond to that.”

Second, the passing game is poised to go off

Senior quarterback Jake Phillips and his receiving targets have yet to scratch the surface of their potential this season. Saturday’s air attack consisted mostly of check downs and shorter hitches to wideouts, but that was done by design to exploit the College’s one-on-one advantages out on the edges. Head Coach Jimmy Laycock and the rest of the staff also saw Saturday as a good opportunity to give the running game lots of work.

“For us to be a team in this league, I don’t think we can be one dimensional [on offense],” Laycock said.

So airing out a lot of deep balls wasn’t a priority.

Phillips did take one shot downfield — an underthrown ball that was intercepted — and the senior certainly did not look as sharp as he did last season. Once the team enters play against more evenly matched competition, however, things should start clicking.

The return from injury of junior wide receiver D.J. McAulay has been huge, as he is perhaps the Tribe’s most explosive playmaker. His presence also takes pressure off of senior wideout and fellow deep threat Elliott Mack and allows sophomore receiver Cameron Dohse to man the slot position, a spot more suited to his talents.

Of course, it’s important to keep in mind that this was only one game of what will be a long season, and it was played against the easiest opponent on the Tribe’s schedule. Next Saturday’s home matchup with Norfolk State University should give us a better idea of what’s in store this year.

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MARAL NOORI-MOGHADDAM — THE FLAT HAT
Junior defensive end Adrian Tracy and sophomore safety Michael Alvarado exchange a high-five during the Tribe’s 52-17 rout of VMI Saturday night at Zable Stadium.

College collects ODU/Stihl tournament title

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Junior back Roger Bothe initiated the Tribe’s scoring sequence in the 87th minute, finding sophomore forward Alan Koger at the top of the box. Koger fed the ball to sophomore midfielder Nat Baako, the tournament’s MVP and CAA co-player of the week, who sent a low, rolling shot past All-American Minutemen keeper Zack Simmons for his second goal of the match.

In the waning minutes of regulation, Bothe sent a couple of crosses, which failed to connect with teammates, into the box. The two overtime periods saw much of the same, though each team had scoring opportunities.

Five minutes into the first overtime period UMass forward Prince Ofosu faced a charging and an out-of-position McAdams, but failed to chip the ball high enough over McAdams. In the second overtime, junior midfielder Price Thomas led Koger a step too far, and Simmons snatched away the ball.

“It wasn’t a great performance given the conditions,” Norris said. “In the second half, UMass was better. That’s where we got a little loose.”

“Going into overtime, I felt if someone was going to win, it was going to be us.”

The College attempted two shots in 20 minutes of overtime — so did UMass — and earned one corner kick, but failed to convert the chances

into points.

Tribe 3 Central Florida 1

In Friday’s opener, the College scored the match’s final two goals to preserve a 3-1 victory over Central Florida University.

Koger’s breakaway goal in the 42nd minute gave the Tribe an early 1-0 lead, but the Black Knights knotted the score 15 minutes into the second half. The College kept attacking as junior forward Andrew Hoxie and Baako both contributed second-half goals to push the Tribe ahead.

The College returns to action tomorrow against no. 23 Loyola College (Md.) in Baltimore.



WILLIAM SENDOR — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore forward Alan Koger



SPORTS IN BRIEF



JAMES NAPOLITANO — THE FLAT HAT
Junior midfielder Wesley Drew.

FIELD HOCKEY

Tribe falls to Saint Joe’s in overtime, beats Penn

Over the weekend, the College of William and Mary (1-5) fell just short of two overtime victories losing to Saint Joseph’s University 3-2 Sunday, just two days after defeating the University of Pennsylvania 3-2 in overtime. Against the Hawks, sophomore Erica Eng and freshman Leah Zamesnik notched tallies to give the Tribe a 2-1 second-half lead before the College allowed a late goal. The Tribe fell midway into the first overtime period without recording a shot in extra time. Against Penn, junior Wesley Drew and senior Lauren Giles gave the College a 2-0 lead before sophomore Jenna Cinalli scored the winning goal in overtime. The Tribe outshot the Quakers 22-14 in its first win of the season.

WOMEN’S GOLF

Tribe claims first team title since 2005 at Penn State

The College of William and Mary opened its season this weekend with its first team win since 2005, placing first at Penn State University’s Nittany Lion Invitational. Junior Morgan Stepanek and freshman Caroline Sweet, who each tied for third as individuals with scores of 225 (+9), led the Tribe, which beat second-place Penn State by 12 strokes. Sophomore Katie Murphy also finished inside the top 10, taking ninth, while sophomore Sarah Whitney and junior Brielle Paolini finished 37th and 46th, respectively. The College’s team score of 909 (+45) broke the school record for 54 holes, and Stepanek became the first Tribe woman ever to break 70 when she posted a first-round score of 69 (-3).

MEN’S GOLF

College sits in 10th place after first round

The College of William and Mary completed its first round of play Monday before rain interrupted the second round of the Raines Development Intercollegiate in Florence, S.C. The Tribe is in 10th after 18 holes of golf. Senior Brent Paladino continued his strong play, posting a round of 70 — just two shots off the pace. Paladino and his teammates combined to shoot a score of 298 in round one, leaving the Tribe 19 strokes behind first round leader Georgia Southern University.

— By Kelly Eaton, Andrew Pike and Chris Weidman

SCHEDULE

Tues., Sept. 16

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Raines Development Intercollegiate — Florence, S.C.

Wed., Sept. 17

MEN’S SOCCER

@ Loyola (Md.) — Baltimore, Md. — 5 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 19

WOMEN’S SOCCER

N.C. STATE — 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

MARYLAND—EASTERN SHORE — 7 p.m.

MEN’S SOCCER

College claims ODU/Stihl tourney title

Tournament MVP Baako’s three goals lead Tribe to a win over UCF and draw with UMass

By ANDREW PIKE
Flat Hat Sports Editor

TRIBE 2, UMASS 2

Despite missing scoring opportunities in a 2-2 tie against the University of Massachusetts, the College of William and Mary still took home the team title at the Old Dominion University/Stihl Soccer Classic on the strength of its goal differential in two weekend matches.

With the sun beating down on the pitch in Norfolk and temperatures in the lower 90s, both teams felt the effects of the heat. Substitutions flowed throughout the match and play suffered — especially on offense.

“It was a match where the team that battled and fought hardest was going to be rewarded,” Tribe Head Coach Chris Norris said of the double overtime draw. “It was a pretty fair result.”

Each team recorded 14 shots on the day, with

the Minutemen registering eight on goal. Despite numerous opportunities, poorly timed connections resulted in a total of 14 offside calls.

Sixty minutes of scoreless play followed two first-half goals, and the match seemed destined for overtime until UMass forward Bryant Craft found the back of the net in the 84th minute. Craft’s shot ricocheted off a Tribe defender and the left hand of sprawling sophomore keeper Andrew McAdams before reaching the goal, giving the Minutemen a 2-1 lead with just over six minutes remaining.

With the 90-minute mark approaching, Norris shifted his lineup, inserting senior forward Nathan Belcher in place of sophomore back Michael DiNuzzo for more offensive firepower. The move worked and the College attacked, earning first a corner kick and then the game-tying goal.



WILLIAM SENDOR — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore midfielder Nat Baako dribbles past a UMass defender.

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FOOTBALL

Tribe muscles past Keydets



FUAD BOHSALI — THE FLAT HAT
The Tribe offensive huddles before running a play against VMI in the College’s 52-17 victory over the Keydets. The offensive line paved the way for 398 rushing yards on the night.

GAME STORY

Riggins, Grimes carry College to first victory of ’08 season

By MATT POMS
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For over two decades, the College of William and Mary has dominated Virginia Military Institute, winning the last 22 contests of their annual series and routinely blowing out the Keydets. This year, in the College’s home opener, the story was no different.

The Tribe ran roughshod over its overmatched visitors, downing VMI 52-17 to improve its record to 1-1.

Saturday night at Zable Stadium, 10,624 fans saw the Tribe jump out to a 24-3 halftime advantage after over-

coming a pair of early turnovers to post 21 straight points.

“When we weren’t beating ourselves, we were pretty good today,” Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said.

Powered by the running back tandem of sophomore Terrence Riggins and freshman Jonathan Grimes (both of whom are filling in for injured starters senior DeBrian Holmes and sophomore Courtland Marriner), the College racked up 398 yards on the ground, while senior quarterback Jake Phillips chipped in for 13 of 18 passing with three touchdowns and two interceptions.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Game Stats

RUSHING YARDS

Tribe — 398

VMI — 262

PASSING YARDS

Tribe — 172

VMI — 25

3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS

Tribe — 5 of 7

VMI — 7 of 16

Individual Stats

PASSING

Jake Phillips — 13 of 18, 172 yards, 3 touchdowns, 2 interceptions

RUSHING

Terrence Riggins — 180 yards
Jonathan Grimes — 97 yards, 2 touchdowns

RECEIVING

Rob Varno — 4 catches for 60 yards, 1 TD

COMMENTARY

Optimism emerges following rout

Jeff Dooley

FLAT HAT MANAGING EDITOR



Make no mistake about it: Virginia Military Institute doesn’t come close to the level of competition that the College of William and Mary is going to face in CAA play. In fact, the Tribe’s 52-17 Saturday night dismantling of the Keydets more closely resembled a scrimmage between Varsity and JV squads than it did a real, live college football game. Even taking this talent disparity into account, however, there are two big reasons for optimism as the

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COURTESY PHOTO — W&M SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior goalkeeper Meghan Walker.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Tribe splits matches against ACC foes

By JACK LAMBERT
The Flat Hat

If College of William and Mary Head Coach John Daly had asked a Magic 8 Ball to forecast the rest of his team’s season before this weekend, the answer would have appeared a little hazy due to the Tribe’s inconsistency so far this year.

The answer after the weekend? Ask again later.

The Tribe (3-3-1) split its two matches this weekend, defeating the University of Maryland 1-0 Sunday and losing to ninth-ranked University of Virginia 2-1 Friday in the Virginia Nike Soccer Classic.

TRIBE 1, MARYLAND 0

The College’s offensive attack came alive against Maryland, as the Tribe got

off four shots in the first 22 minutes of the match. The College was held scoreless through the first period but broke through in the 46th minute when junior forward Kellie Jenkins blasted a pass from senior midfielder Danielle Collins inside the far post for the first goal of the game.

The Tribe survived a furious Terrapin onslaught at the end of the match, as Maryland outshot the College 10-1 after Jenkins’ goal. None of the Terrapin shots made it past senior goalkeeper Meghan Walker, however, who recorded six saves for her 22nd career shutout. Walker’s clean sheet Sunday tied the school record for most career shutouts, set by Maren Rojas in 1994.

TRIBE 1, VIRGINIA 2

The Cavaliers outshot the Tribe 18-2 Friday night, putting 10 of those 18 shots

on goal. Virginia began the scoring in the 45th minute when forward Alwine Lauren played a long ball from defender Alli Freese into the back of the net.

Two minutes later, Lauren crossed the ball to forward Meaghan Lenczyk for the Cavaliers’ second goal of the night. The Cavaliers had a plenty of shots on goal during the course of the match, but most came up empty due to Walker’s eight saves on the match. Walker’s save total tied her career high and kept the match within striking distance for the Tribe offense.

Junior midfielder Krissy Vornadore drew first blood for the Tribe, scoring on a breakaway in the 55th minute off an assist from forward Claire Zimmeck. Vornadore’s goal was the Tribe’s only goal of the match, as the Tribe only managed two shots against a stingy Cavalier defense.